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SYNOPSIS OF CONTACT: AECAMBARO 1

DATE: 29 May 1958

TIME: 1615 - 1720

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PLACE AND DURATION OF MEETING: We met at the corner of 14th and I Sts, NW and walked to the California Kitchen where we had coffee until 1720.

PARTICIPANTS:

A/1 and

Alias

COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS: (regular, alternate, emergency contact procedures; specific arrangements for next meeting)

AT N/1's office
I promised to telephone and try to meet A/1 on Monday, 2 June 58.

BIOGRAPHIC INFO: (Additional, obtained during meeting for PRG)

ACTION: A. (Any action required of Agent) 1. Will consider over the weekend the various career ~~possibilities~~ possibilities that I outlined to him. He thought that he would have a decision by Monday, 2 June.

2. *Will give us request of past correspondence with his relatives in return for us to reproduce. In future correspondence will give us copies of letters to & from him with translation.*

B. (Any action required of Case Officer) I promised to get answers to the following questions raised by A/1:

1. Will A/1 be a contract agent or a contract employee if he goes to the job in Frankfurt?

2. What are the possibilities for his wife to get a job as a dentist

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WITH the U.S. armed forces in Germany, if she should accompany him on a tour to Germany.

3. If A/1 decides to resign what fields of employment, both government and private business, ~~which~~ would be the best in which to find a job at this time? [] of CC/C gave us good vocational guidance with and for [] I thought that if A/1 ~~is~~ seriously considers trying to get established in the private world, [] could meet with him to discuss job problems.

4. If he resigns, what are his chances for working with the FBI? I told him that I would try to find out, but that I was almost certain that the security considerations that worked against his ever achieving career status with us, i.e., close family in the USSR, might work against his getting a job with the Bureau.

5. Will the time that he spent in Germany in 1957 count toward his two year tour? A/1 doesn't particularly care for himself, but if his wife should change her mind and decide to go to Germany with him, this two plus months might make a big difference.

*b. Will the terms of his contract be the same as in 1957?
if he takes them as assigned? Does this include time lost after 2 years?*

GIST OF CONVERSATION:

1. The purpose of the meeting was to inform A/1 of his career and job possibilities ~~in accordance~~ in accordance with the decision made by the SR PPG on 27 May 1957: I told A/1 the following:

a. We had canvassed all possibilities for a job in the United States, but nothing was available for a man of his abilities and experience. As an example of the difficulties that I had run into I told him that there was need for people to work with the "second group" the phrase used by A/1 and [] to describe AEREADY, but that they should have Russian language and area knowledge as well as Baltic.

b. This left only a job in Germany, where he was wanted, but that it was a job that could be filled by someone else. I said that we basically had in mind a job similar to the one held by [] I said that there had been a more operational job under consideration for him, the one [] wanted him for, but that, as he knew, it would be hard for him to do everything that was required because of the fact that the RIS now knows

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too much about him. He agreed that it would be poor security for him to contact and assess new leads, especially legal travelers.

c. I pointed out other considerations about his taking the job in Germany. First, he would be under somewhat of a security handicap, because of his blowing to the RIS, and that even though the people that he worked with would help him plan how best to protect himself and his activity he would still ultimately be responsible. ~~and it was~~ A/1 said that he clearly recognized this handicap, but that he did not believe that it would in itself make him turn down the ~~the~~ assignment in Germany.

d. I pointed out that if he accepted the assignment it would be for two years and that we would expect him not to want to return to the United States for family reasons during that time unless it were a real emergency. I also explained to him that if he should quit or want to come back to the U.S. during the first year of his tour abroad he would have to reimburse the government for his passage to Europe as well as pay for his return. If he wanted to quit during the second year or return to the U.S. he would have to pay only the return. I also explained that he could not take leave in the United States unless he paid for it himself and had sufficient leave time. This all seemed clear to him, because he said that it meant that once he went to Germany he was there to stay until his two years were completed. I did indicate that for legitimate family emergencies there were always ways of helping him to get home. I also indicated that after two years he would be eligible for home leave.

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e. I went on to show him that he would still be on contract and that his job would come up again for consideration at the end of two years, and that ~~the~~ his continuance in our employ would

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depend on ^{our} ~~the~~ need and ~~the~~ budget at that time. As an example I said that if ~~the~~ ^{Roman} ~~the~~ returnees from the Soviet Union had been debriefed by that time and we were considering no increase in Latvian activities, we might very well not renew his contract. I here pointed out that he was with us ~~the~~ primarily as a Latvian specialist and that our needs for someone in that category is very limited. I pointed to the budget cuts and to the fact that while we aren't firing anyone outright, we have to retrench by not taking up contracts if there is no immediate and specific need.

f. In view of the uncertainty of the future, I indicated that he might wish to consider ~~me~~ trying to establish another career. I said and he agreed that he was at the age where it would very soon be too late to try to get into another field of work. ~~However~~ I told him that in order to give him a fair and multiple choice, I had gotten from my superiors the commitment to pay him a year's additional salary, provided he would use that year to train him self for another job. I said that in addition we had vocational counselors, who would discuss with him the possibilities in various lines of work.

g. I emphasized that the ~~xxx~~ choice was his and that I did not wish to pressure him into a hasty decision. We were, therefore, prepared to give him a reasonable amount of time to think it over.

2. He thanked me for presenting the case to him frankly. He said that it had been difficult since last fall because he did not know exactly where he stood in relation to his job. He asked for my candid opinion as to his possibilities to get career or staff status. I said that as my ~~xxx~~

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informal and unofficial opinion I would have to tell him that I thought that his chances were slight and I gave two reasons: one, that because of his close family in Soviet Latvia, it would always be difficult, if not impossible to clear him for career and staff status; and two, that he was so clearly a Latvian specialist with no other language except German that it would always be difficult to find assignments for him.

He asked me what would be the chances if, for example while on the German assignment, he would learn Russian fluently ~~this~~ I said that this would undoubtedly enhance his value, but he must be aware that this was not the only factor involved in signing him up for a new contract at the end of his Germany tour.

3. He said that the decision would be hard for him. He wanted to keep working for us because he felt motivated to do everything in his power to liberate his home and to make up for the sufferings of his family. However, his wife and his friends ~~that~~ (as far as I know he has almost no friends in Washington) thought that he was crazy to continue. (At a previous meeting he had admitted that maybe he was a little afraid to tackle the outside world.) His wife certainly didn't seem to want be ready to reconsider going to Germany with him.

4. He asked if there were possibilities of working for the FBI or some other government agency, such as research at the Library of Congress. I said that I really couldn't give an answer, but if he seriously wished to resign I would see that he got adequate advice and guidance.

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5. He asked what was the difference between contract agent and contract employee. I said that the basic difference was that as an employee he could count the time worked for us as time for retirement if he became employed with another U.S. Government office. He asked which category he was in. I wasn't sure so I said that I would check.

6. As we parted he said that he thought that he had already made up his mind that he would take the German assignment.

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Note: In discussing the security ramifications of his family which is still in Austria, A/1 said that it was possible his parents would die, would this change the security restrictions. I said that it would, but I could not give him the security requirements for cover or staff status. I pointed out to him that the Soviets might still use his parents as a means of putting pressure on him. I gave the example of his father's periodic contact with Anna (AECOB/10) as one example of a channel.

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by which the R/S might use his father. He admitted this ~~fact~~ possibility.

He asked about his correspondence with his parents + relatives. I said that we would like to have copies of it for his file. He said I had told him it was all right to correspond if he was careful and that he need not ~~not~~ give us copies of the letters. I said that our policy was to have the letters with translations, + that I hadn't mentioned it earlier because I had assumed that he was doing it. I said that he needn't translate all of his letters, but I would ask to collect them so we could copy them. From now on we wanted to see the originals of letters both from + to his relatives in the U.S.S.R. with his translation.

He said strongly that he did not

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want any operational use made of his contact
with his relatives. I assured him
that we want a file of his correspondence
my case the Soviets should approach
him or begin to use his parents in any
way.

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